

## House Republican Press Release

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### **Rep. Cafero Praised For Apprenticeship Support**



HARTFORD – State Rep. Lawrence F. Cafero Jr., Republican from Norwalk, is a recipient of the William Fitzgerald Apprenticeship Award given by the Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council for his commitment to and support for the state's system.

Cafero, the Deputy Republican Leader in the House, will receive the prestigious award on Oct. 25 in Cromwell at the Crown Plaza Hartford-Cromwell, DOL Commissioner Shaun B. Cashman said. The award is named for Fitzgerald, a Norwich congressman who in 1937 sponsored legislation that eventually led to a national apprenticeship training program that exists in all 50 states.

Cafero has been a leading supporter of the state DOL training programs for young people and those going through job changes and take advantage of the apprenticeship programs to advance their careers.

“We all realize the value of these programs and how much difference they can make in young peoples’ lives,” Cafero said. “We must continue to support these worthy training systems because the rate of return on our investment is considerable.”

He added, “Connecticut can lay claim to creation of the national model for apprenticeship training.”

The other recipients this year are:

- Gov. M. Jodi Rell
- State Rep. Kevin Ryan of Oakdale
- State Sen. Edith Prague of Columbia
- John E. Taylor Jr., president of Electrical Energy Systems Corp.
- J. Chris Beal, Retired Apprentice Coordinator for the Sheetmetal Workers.